



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 09/754,133 | 01/05/2001 | Yuji Yagi | MEIC:053A | 6471 |

7590 11/22/2002

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.
Suite 210
1421 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-2805

EXAMINER

CHANG, RICK KILTAE

| ART UNIT | PAPER NUMBER |
|----------|--------------|
|----------|--------------|

3729

DATE MAILED: 11/22/2002

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

OK

DETAILED ACTION

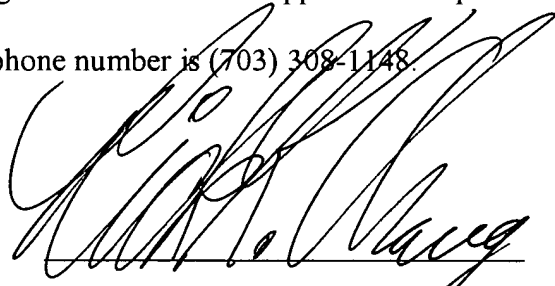
1. The reply filed on November 18, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claims 24-26 and 29-31: "modifying the protrusions to have substantially equal heights" switched invention. Under RCE, applicants may not switch inventions as a matter of right. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rick K. Chang whose telephone number is (703) 308-4784. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter D. Vo can be reached on (703) 308-1789. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9302 for regular communications and (703) 872-9303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.



**RICHARD CHANG
PRIMARY EXAMINER**